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McKINNEY WAS RE-NOMINATED

Republican City Convention Overwhelmingly Named Him For Mayor.

ENDORSED THE CITY OFFICIALS

Ward Tickets Nominated at the Various Caucuses of the Four Wards.

City Ticket.
For mayor—Ira H. McKinney.
For clerk—J. F. Sartor, Jr.
For treasurer—G. V. Wright.
For justice of the peace (full term)—L. A. Sharp.
For justice of the peace (to fill vacancy)—A. H. Stone.

The republican city convention on Monday evening of this week made Ira H. McKinney the unanimous choice of the party as its candidate for the office of mayor for the city of Alma for a second term, and judging from the tone of the convention it expected that McKinney would win in a walk and again head the city government.

The convention was called to order by J. F. Sartor, Jr., who read the call. Following this Albert P. Cook was made chairman of the convention and Homer M. Dunham, secretary. On a motion, the chairman appointed J. E. Fuller and W. E. Wilson as tellers.

Following motions the chairman appointed a committee on permanent organization and order of business, which consisted of L. A. Sharp, E. L. McKinney and A. J. Archer; a committee on credentials which consisted of C. W. Parsons, George Blisch and J. W. Blakely; and a committee on resolutions, which consisted of Charles G. Rhodes, Charles F. Brown and G. V. Wright. A recess of ten minutes was taken to allow the committee to make their various reports.

The committee on credentials submitted the following list of delegates from the various wards when the convention reconvened: First ward—James A. Greene, Joseph Sartor, Jr., J. E. Fuller, James Campbell, J. M. Montpel, G. V. Wright, C. W. Parsons, A. J. Archer, F. L. McKinney and Fred Rowland; second ward—F. H. Glass, H. L. Holmes, Mat Ward, C. P. Knight, J. H. Stickney, Leet Adams, D. W. Adams, F. W. Goodes, J. P. Losey and A. A. Patterson; third ward—Charles F. Brown, Charles O. Ward, John Chick, Albert P. Cook, Ray Madden, W. E. Wilson, George Blisch, Ray Tomlin, Charles Plozman and E. E. Ewing; fourth ward—Francis King, J. W. Blakely, Charles H. Smith, Charles V. Caulkins, Nelson Fullerton, Homer M. Dunham, Charles G. Rhodes, S. W. Case, L. A. Sharp and F. A. Gill. The report of the committee was approved and accepted by the convention.

The committee on permanent organization and order of business reported the following: First, that the temporary organization be made permanent; second, that the order of business be as follows: (a) nomination and choice for mayor; (b) nomination and choice for clerk; (c) nomination and choice for treasurer; (d) nomination and choice for justice of the peace for full term; (e) nomination and choice for justice of the peace for short term; third, the appointment by the chairman of a city committee; fourth, the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The report was approved and adopted.

The committee on resolutions made the following report: Be It Resolved, by the republicans of the city of Alma in convention assembled, that we heartily commend the present republican administration in this state and congratulate the people on their choice of Hon. Albert E. Sleeper as governor of this commonwealth; also that we heartily endorse the administration of the present mayor, common council of the city of Alma for their efforts and wisdom in solving the many perplexing questions of municipal government during the past year, and express our confidence that this convention will place in nomination for support of the electorate of the city at the coming municipal election. The report was approved and adopted by the convention.

On motion the convention made an informal ballot for a candidate for the office of mayor. On the first ballot Ira H. McKinney, the present mayor, had thirty-eight of the forty votes cast and on motion the ballot was declared formal and Ira H. McKinney made the unanimous choice of the convention.

The informal ballot was resorted to for the nomination for city clerk. On the first ballot D. W. Adams had thirteen votes and William Amshury fifteen, with four scattering, here being no choice a second ballot was resorted to, but in the meantime Adams asked his name to be withdrawn in favor of Amshury. On a second ballot Amshury had thirteen votes, D. W. Adams six, (Continued on Page Four)

SMITH LEADS TEAM

Star Alma Athlete Will Captain Basketball Five.

Malcolm Smith of this city has been honored by being chosen as captain of the Alma college basketball team for the season of 1917-18, and the expectations are that he will lead the best basketball five that has ever represented the Maroon and Cream in the great court game.

At the election held on Monday of this week, Smith was given almost a unanimous vote by the seven men eligible to vote—those who will receive the basketball letter. The vote shows that he is recognized by his fellow teammates as one of the best men on the team.

Malcolm Smith is a Sophomore in college, and so far the Alma Midget has played on every team in every branch of sport since he entered college. He is recognized as one of the best all around athletes in Alma college.

"The Secret Kingdom"—Idlehour.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST WILL HOLD CONVENTION

Fifth District Convention Will Meet in Alma March 26, 27 and 28.

The fifth district convention of the Churches of Christ will be held in Alma Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 26, 27, 28.

The program follows:
Monday Evening.
7:30 Devotional Service—O. B. Little, Mt. Pleasant.
7:45 Address of Welcome—M. G. Ault, Alma.
8:00 Response—L. W. Kimberling, Shepherd.

8:15 Sermon—L. C. Doery, Forest Hill.
Offering.
Tuesday.
10:00 Devotional Service—Doran Stahl, Coe.
10:15 Address—S. L. Rindisi, Gilmore.

10:45 Round Table Discussion.
12:00 Noon Hour.
C. W. B. Session; subject, "Mexico."

1:30 Devotional Service—Mrs. Elizabeth Goodwin, Shepherd.
Music—Hazel Gobin, Shepherd.
Paper—Mrs. Dr. Hubbard Vestabour.

Paper—Mrs. C. P. Hanna, St. Louis.
Talk—Mary A. Johnson, Ann Arbor.
Reports from Societies—by Secretaries.

Offering.
C. W. B. Benediction.
4:00 Round Table—A. Missionary School.

7:30 Devotional Service—Charles Hicks, Ferris Center.
7:45 Song Service led by Geo. Gray, St. Louis.

8:00 Address—Mary Johnson, Ann Arbor.
Vocal Solo—Miss Rella, St. Louis.
8:30 Sermon—J. Frank Green, Gwosdo.

Wednesday.
10:00 Devotional Service—A. Noffsinger, Forest Hill.
10:15 Appointment of Committees—by District President.

Special Music—Alma Choir.
11:30 Sermon—O. B. Little, Mt. Pleasant.
12:00 Noon Hour.

1:30 Devotional Service—C. J. Dutt, Alma.
Special Music—Coe Male Quartet.
2:00 Sermon—W. P. Murray, Coe.

2:40 Bible School Session—led by W. T. Green, St. Louis, with minutes talks by the Superintendents of District.

7:30 Special Music—Shepherd Orchestra.
7:50 Devotional Service—G. H. Carl, Alma.
Vocal Solo—Reah Purvis, Shepherd.

Music—Stalter Boys, Shepherd.
8:15 Sermon—Thomas A. Rella, St. Louis.
Closing Remarks—J. W. Kimberling, Shepherd.

"The Witching Hour"—Idlehour.

NEW BUSINESS

Storage Battery Service Station Has Been Opened in Alma.

J. C. Hanna has opened a Willard Storage Battery service station at 267 West Superior street, under the name of the Alma Storage Battery Service Station.

One of the features that will be offered at the service station will be the free inspection of batteries at any and all times. The Willard storage batteries are for use with automobile lighting and starting systems, but are suitable for other lines of work also, where batteries are needed.

New batteries and a complete line of all parts will be carried in stock at the Alma service station and batteries will also be re-charged.
J. C. Hanna, the manager of the service station here, has had a complete factory course at the plant of the Willard Storage Battery company in Detroit, and besides this has had seven years of practical general electrical work, which fits him well for the management of the local service station.

ANNUAL MEETING OF COMPANY HELD

Alma Home & Improvement Company Had A Most Successful Year.

GREAT DIVIDEND WAS PAID

Forty Per Cent on Entire Stock Was the Dividend that the Stockholders Received.

Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., stock is not the only valuable stock that is being held by Alma people, judging from the big returns that came to the owners of stock in the Alma Home & Improvement company, which held its annual meeting on Tuesday of this week. A dividend of 40 per cent on the investment was paid.

The Alma Home & Improvement company at its annual meeting paid a dividend that was remarkable to say the least. Forty per cent on the entire stock was the earnings during the past year, and a dividend of those proportions was given the stockholders. A fact more remarkable yet, however, is that the stockholders in the company had paid for only half of their stock so that the dividend was really an eighty per cent dividend on the amount paid in on the stock.

The following letter accompanied the checks that were sent out by Secretary Albert P. Cook:
"Alma, Mich., March 10, 1917.
"Dear Sir:

"The Board of Directors of the Alma Home & Improvement company at a meeting held March 9, 1917, declared a forty (40) per cent dividend on the subscribed stock of the company, payable as follows: Twenty per cent in cash and twenty per cent credit on the stock, making the stock seventy per cent paid—fifty per cent having been previously paid on it. The remaining thirty per cent will be called for at intervals in the future as needed.

"Your holding shares and check for \$2.00 is enclosed.
"Yours truly,
"ALBERT P. COOK,
"Secretary and Treasurer."

The following directors for the Alma Home & Improvement company for the coming year were re-elected: John Allen, P. W. Creaser, Henry Sule, Carl Washburn and Albert P. Cook.

FARM EXPERT

County Will Vote on Maintaining One at the Coming Election.

At a recent meeting of the Gratiot county Board of Supervisors it was voted to submit the proposition of securing a farming expert for the county to the voters of Gratiot at the elections to be held in April.

A farm commissioner is what the people will vote for or against in the county. Under the law the supervisors may vote to submit this proposition to the voters, either upon a petition of five per cent of the qualified electors or without.

Under the law the farm commissioner shall receive a salary of not more than \$2,000 and shall be elected for a period of two years. The board is also authorized to allow to make an appropriation of not to exceed \$2,000 for expenses incident to this office, making it possible under the law to make the office of farm commissioner cost the county four thousand dollars a year.

Should the county vote to have a farm commissioner it is not definitely bound to retain one. At any subsequent time the Board of Supervisors may re-submit the question to the people and the office may be abolished by a vote of the people of the county and at such a time funds that may remain in the special fund for this office will be turned back into the county fund.

Among the duties of the farm commissioner, and to which he is answerable to the Board of Supervisors, are the following: To be of material assistance to the farming and fruit interests of the county; to give advice and instruction to the people of the county who seek it; to contract with the farmers and fruit growers for demonstration and experimental purposes; to keep a record of all experiments that may be made, and which are to be kept in the office of the commissioner; all tests made by him for the farmers of the county are to be made free, etc.

The value of a farm commissioner will depend mostly to the extent which the farmers use his services. He could be almost worthless to a county, and again a farm commissioner could be of great value to a county. It will be up to the farmers as to how valuable Gratiot's farm commissioner will be, provided that the people of the county vote to have one at the April elections.

POSTPONED

The J. S. Figg sale that was billed for March 14th has been postponed to March 28th. Mr. Figg resides four miles west and one south of Shepherd.

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TRIED OLD GAME

Local People Failed to Fall for Hard Luck Story.

It is reported that a stranger, who was in Alma on Sunday evening, tried to borrow a sum of money from at least two Alma people. To one he was willing to leave a gun, until such a time as he secure his pay at a factory where he expected to work, and to a second he would leave his diamond ring as security.

It is said that the stranger walked into the office of Dr. Day Sunday evening and after telling him about his early history and how they went to school together, endeavored to touch the doctor up for a loan of fifteen dollars, leaving a gun as security for a couple weeks, while he was getting a job and laying up some money to repay the loan. It is reported that Dr. Day failed to remember the former schoolmate and invited the man to leave his office.

Later in the evening a man entered the Anderson & Hauck store, and told Mr. Anderson about the old days when he used to live in Alma, and how hard times had just struck him. When through with his story he tried to secure a ten-dollar loan from Mr. Anderson, leaving a diamond ring (7) with him as security for a couple of weeks until he could pay the loan. It is thought that the would be borrower in each case was one and the same man.

CAPT. R. P. HOBSON HERE ON FRIDAY

Famous Naval Hero Will Lecture on Liquor Traffic Here Friday Evening.

Captain Richmond Pierson Hobson, hero of Santiago in the Spanish-American war, will make an address in the Alma high school auditorium at 7:30 p. m. Friday evening on the subject, "A Dry America, and a Sober World."

Captain Richmond Pierson Hobson is one of the prominent and promising of the southern orators, and comes to Alma to deal another blow at the liquor traffic which he has been fighting for years, both in and out of congress, of which he has been a member for some years.

Like Bryan, Hobson is a fine orator, and like Bryan he is a democrat, and like Bryan he is fighting the liquor traffic. Unlike Bryan he is an advocate of preparedness, and unlike Bryan he has stood by the administration in its dealings with the German government.

Hobson has been in the public eye of late years, as much and possibly more than any other congressman. It was he who first started the campaign in congress for the abolition of the liquor traffic by attempting a heavy body blow. Hobson was the first man to present a bill in congress for national prohibition and his bill received a majority vote in the house, where it needed a two thirds vote, as it would have supplied an amendment to the constitution.

Fighting likewise for a preparedness program, Hobson has gained a wide fame. In advocating preparedness, Hobson also knew what he was talking about, being a former member of the American navy, whose heroic exploit at Santiago in 1898, is now a matter of history, read by every American school boy.

His message, "A Dry America and a Sober World," is full of plain wholesome thought, which will be beneficial to young and old, and will serve to further enlighten the people of Alma on the liquor traffic, which Alma barred years ago and which Michigan has just recently voted to bar.

"The Secret Kingdom"—Idlehour.

MET IN JACKSON

Local Man Elected Vice-President of Trotting Horse Breeders.

An enthusiastic session of the Michigan Trotting Horse Breeders' association was held in Jackson Tuesday. At 1 o'clock a banquet was enjoyed at the Otsego hotel, followed by impromptu speeches and business meeting. As it was the annual gathering, election of officers was the main feature of the business session. Harry W. Mosher of Detroit was elected president, Frank S. Cooke of Detroit, secretary, and M. H. Sloan of Northville, treasurer. Each county in the state is given a vice-president in the organization, John W. Boardman being selected as the representative from Jackson county. Ann Arbor was decided upon as the place for holding the annual meeting next year.

About thirty horsemen and lovers of the turf sport occupied seats at the banquet tables. Including those who came later, the attendance was upwards of fifty.

Otto Hawley of Alma was one of those who attended the banquet and he was honored by being elected as one of the vice-presidents of the association.

HART WON NOMINATION

Ray Hart, candidate for the nomination for circuit judge in the Midland circuit, was an easy winner over his two opponents in the race. It is very interesting to note that Ray Hart is a son of former Judge Hart who held office when Gratiot county was a portion of the Midland circuit.

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DEMOCRATS HELD CITY CONVENTION

Complete Ticket Placed In Field For Annual Battle Of The Ballot.

BRUNNER NOMINATED MAYOR

Withdrew After Nomination and City Committee Filled Place With P. W. Creaser.

W. A. Brunner was chosen last Saturday evening at the democratic city convention as the standard bearer of the followers of Wilson here, the popular druggist securing the nomination as the democratic candidate for mayor, at a mass convention attended by a few over forty of the faithful.

The convention was called to order about eight o'clock in the evening and after the reading of the call, Isaac Russell was chosen as chairman, and L. L. Johnson was secretary of the convention.

Following this the mass convention went into the various ward caucuses to nominate the tickets for the four wards of the city of Alma. The ward tickets chosen by the democrats followed:

City Ticket.
For mayor—P. W. Creaser.
For treasurer—A. A. Chick.
For clerk—Carl Gallagher.
For justice of the peace (full term)—D. L. Johnson.
For justice of the peace (short term)—J. D. Sullivan.

First Ward.
For supervisor—J. A. Mann.
For alderman—Will Miller.
For constable—Frank Bahke.
For committee man—P. W. Creaser.

Second Ward.
For supervisor—Isaac Russell.
For alderman—Ed. Hooper.
For constable—John Schick.
For committee man—George Garrett.

Third Ward.
For supervisor—Benjamin Carter.
For alderman—George Randell.
For constable—Norman Beverly.
For committee man—J. D. Sullivan.

Fourth Ward.
For supervisor—J. D. Helman.
For alderman—Edward Lake.
For constable—Will Rogers.
For committee man—Edward Lake.

After the nominating of the various ward tickets the city mass convention reconvened and approved the various ward nominations.

When the democrats came to pick a candidate for mayor they seemed to have a big job on their hands to make a selection. Five ballots were taken before a candidate was found. On the first ballot P. W. Creaser, J. W. Robinson and George Garrett lead. All three asked to withdraw, as they did not desire to be candidates. On the second ballot Creaser led the field with six votes. The other twenty-four votes cast on this ballot were spread over nearly a dozen possible candidates.

On the third ballot with sixteen votes, Garrett led with sixteen votes. Garrett again asked that he not be considered a candidate. Thirty-four votes were made on the fourth ballot, Creaser, John Caple and J. D. Sullivan having six each, with the rest scattered.

Some one suggested the name of W. A. Brunner as a possible candidate and a means of getting the convention over. Mr. Brunner did not happen to be present, and hence seemed like a logical candidate as he could not refuse the nomination before the convention. On the fifth ballot Mr. Brunner had twenty-six votes, and having a majority of all votes cast was declared the nominee of the convention.

A. A. Chick for treasurer, Carl Gallagher for city clerk, and D. L. Johnson and J. D. Sullivan for justice of the peace, were chosen by acclamation.

A resolutions committee of three was appointed which follows: W. A. Bahke, V. P. Cash and George Garrett. This committee will draw up the resolutions under which the campaign will be conducted. The resolutions are to have the approval of the candidates for office.

W. A. Brunner, nominated last Saturday night at the democratic city convention, as the party's choice for candidate for mayor, on Tuesday of this week, withdrew from the race for business reasons, and partly also because of a friendship for Ira H. McKinney, Alma's present mayor, who has been re-nominated on the republican ticket.

P. W. Creaser, who time and again has been a standard bearer for the democrats of Alma, even when a victory was known to be a practical impossibility in times past, was prevailed upon by Mr. Brunner and the democratic committee to fill the vacancy thus caused on the head of the ticket, and he is now in the race for mayor and will be there to election day, at least.

Mr. Brunner was not present at the convention Saturday night, which nominated him, and had he been present, would not have allowed the convention to nominate him. Before Brunner was nominated, P. W. Creaser apparently had the nomination.

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DEBATE MT. PLEASANT

High School Debating Teams Will Meet Mt. Pleasant High.

On Thursday night of next week, the Alma high school debating teams will debate with Mt. Pleasant high, both here and at Mt. Pleasant, on the subject of "Government Ownership of Railroads," a subject that has an intense interest right now when the railroad brotherhoods are again threatening to tie up the roads by strike.

The negative team of the high school will debate the question here with the Mt. Pleasant affirmative team, and the Alma affirmative team will debate the Mt. Pleasant negative team at Mt. Pleasant.

The high school debating team was defeated at Breckenridge in a debate on this subject on Tuesday evening of this week. The debate was a close affair. Schultz, Omstead and Allen debated for Alma.

"The Secret Kingdom"—Idlehour.

YPSILANTI NORMAL DEFEATED COLLEGE

Maroon and Cream Badly Defeated in the Final Game of Year.

The Alma college basketball team closed the season last week, Thursday night with the scheduled game with the Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti, which the locals dropped by a score of 47 to 17, Alma being outclassed completely in the return game with the Teachers.

The Alma team was not at its best for this game. A game the night before with Olivet had been cancelled and feeling sure that they could go down to defeat in the final game of the season the local players did not go into the game any too full of vim and pep. This probably accounts for a part of the score that the Teachers rolled up on the Maroon and Cream.

During the first half, Alma put up a fair game and Ypsi could only score about two points to one for the locals, but in the second session Rynearson and Dunn cut loose with a number of long baskets that rapidly increased the lead that the Teachers had at the opening of the session, Rynearson and Dunn also slipped in behind the Alma guards on several occasions and counted field baskets that should not have been, had the Alma guards been on the job every minute of the game.

The work of the Ypsilanti Normal guards also proved one of the features from the Teachers' point of view. The Alma forwards could do little with the speedy Ypsi guards, who were piled on top of the Alma forwards at every stage of the game.

Smith could secure only one basket and Gallagher could score only twice from the field.

Gallagher's foul shooting was the only redeeming feature of the game from the point of view of the Maroon and Cream. The Alma forward dropped seven fouls into the basket out of eleven chances, and with his two field baskets scored over half of the points made by the locals in the closing bout of the season.

Lineup and summary:
Ypsilanti, 47. Pos. Alma, 17.
Rynearson, L. F. F. Smith
Shadford, Powers, R. F. Gallagher
Dunn, C. E. E. Foote
Edwards, L. G. Richards
Lawler, R. G. French
Field baskets—Rynearson, 11; Dunn, 9; Lawler, 21; Gallagher, 2; E. Foote, 2; Smith, 5.
Fouls—Gallagher, 7 out of 11; Rynearson, 5 out of 10.
Score first half—Ypsilanti, 18; Alma, 9.
Referee—Joseph, Ann Arbor.

"The Secret Kingdom"—Idlehour.

AUCTION SALES

John O'Boyle.

Having rented his farm, John O'Boyle will sell at public auction at his farm, six miles north and one-half mile west of Alma, on Monday, March 19th, at 10:00 o'clock, his horses, cattle, farm implements, etc. Free lunch at noon. J. D. Helman, auctioneer.

Fred Lewis.

Fred Lewis will sell at public auction at his farm, two miles east and one and one-half miles from Alma or one-half mile east of the Colburn school house, on Wednesday, March 21st, at 12:30 o'clock, seventy head of cattle. J. D. Helman, auctioneer.

WAITING FOR SOMEONE

There is a letter at the post office, which is being held for the party to which it is addressed. The address reads: The Prettiest Girl in Alma, Mich. At the post office they are waiting for her to come and claim her letter.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY HOLDERS

It is reported to the Health Department that many householders are violating ordinance No. 61 by throwing garbage in their yards or by mixing it with ashes. The department is investigating the report and if there is sufficient evidence to warrant arrest all violators will immediately be prosecuted.

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"The Witching Hour"—Idlehour.

BOARD OF TRADE'S BOOSTER BANQUET

Friday, March 23 Farmers and Board of Trade Will Feast.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS COMING

Wishart, Vandercook, Paul King, Dean and Colgrove Are Among the Speakers.

The Alma Board of Trade big booster banquet will take place on Friday evening, March 23rd, and it is needless to say, judging from the results which the several committees have accomplished, the good people of Alma and the farmers who surround our little community, who will be our guests on that evening, will be treated to a real genuine surprise. The plans are not completed as yet, but the committee has the program far enough advanced so that it insures one of the largest and best events that has taken place in Alma for some time. The Republic Truck band, the metropolitan organization which has received so much favorable comment from the different cities it has visited, will furnish the music for the occasion. The members like anyone else have been imbued with the booster spirit and volunteered their services for this occasion, and it is needless to say that this alone is a genuine treat.

The committee also has procured some of the best speakers in the state of Michigan to address this meeting. It is not believed that at any time in the future you will have the privilege of hearing men of national reputation as will be accorded you that evening. The program is not yet completed, but the following can be announced: Rev. W. H. Mason will deliver the invocation; Hon. Frank A. Dean, an attorney of Charlotte, who has gained a national reputation as a speaker, will talk on the subject, "Twenty Minutes in Ireland." And, we feel sure that he can deliver the goods. Hon. Clarence E. Holmes, superintendent of the Michigan School for Blind at Lansing, will talk on "Cooperation." A number of people in our city have had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Holmes and it is certain that anything he will have to say will be of unusual interest to everyone. Following Mr. Holmes, Rev. Alfred W. Wishart of the Fountain Street Baptist church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, will talk on the subject of "Social Preparedness." The remarkable growth that Alma is experiencing and as is usual in all such cases, the social problems are multiplied by abnormal development and it is certain that Rev. Wishart will have something good to say. He has just returned from a trip in the war zone and is making quite a sacrifice to be with us on that evening. He has gained wide reputation as an orator. Mr. Paul H. King, operating receiver, and also Mr. Vandercook of the publicity department of the Pere Marquette railway will talk on "Michigan and the Pere Marquette," a very interesting subject we assure you. Also, Mr. Phillip T. Colgrove of Hastings, Michigan, and president of the Michigan State Good Roads association, has consented to be present that evening. Mr. Colgrove is considered as one of the best men on county road systems in the country. And we say to our good farmer friends that they will hear something that will interest them all as well as enlighten them. The committee has two or three other good things in view, but at this time cannot give it for publication. A perusal, however, of the above list of speakers is sufficient inducement for every good live booster to be with us that evening.

It is the idea of the committee to invite the farmers living adjacent to Alma to be the guests of the Alma Board of Trade on that evening. The committee having this matter in charge consists of John S. Knoetzer and Hira C. Moore, and the presence of these men on this committee insures the board of the fact that every effort is being made to get a large attendance from the farmers.

The banquet will not be the usual kind. There will be a bang up supper with lots of good things to eat. Don't stay for want of a dress suit, as this affair will not be of that kind. You will be just as welcome in your overalls.

The committee in charge invite the ladies of Alma and the wives of the farmers to fill up the seats that will be in the gallery, and hear the speeches that are to be made. It is felt that everyone will be able to derive a great amount of benefit from the speeches.

"The Witching Hour"—Idlehour.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I have engaged S. E. Gardiner, M.D., of Mt. Pleasant, who for many years has been making a specialty of diseases of the eye and of refraction work, to spend the second and the fourth Mondays of each month in the hospital, where I shall be glad to have my friends see him when in need of his services.

(73-1y) I. N. BRAINERD, M. D.